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SUBJECT:KOREA IN 30TH UNGA

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM HABIB

1. AS YOU KNOW FROM MESSAGE TRAFFIC, WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT ASEAN EFFORTS TO SLIP AWAY FROM SUPPORT OF OUR POSITION. IN CASE OF PHILIPPINES IT REMAINS ESSENTIAL THAT THEY MAINTAIN THEIR POSITION OF COSPONSORING AND FAVORING US RESOLUTION WHILE OPPOSING HOSTTLE RESOLUTION.

2. I MADE THESE POINTS CLEAR TO ROMULO IN NEW YORK. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE KOREAN ISSUE IN TERMS OF USG INTERESTS, YOU SHOULD PERSONALLY TAKE THIS UP AT A VERY HIGH LEVEL IN GOP, EMPHASIZING OUR VIEW THAT NOW IS THE TIME FOR GOP TO STEP FORWARD AS IT HAD INDICATED IN COSPONSORING OUR RESOLUTION.

3. IF GOP RAISES QUESTION OF POSSIBLE ASEAN INITIATIVE

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YOU SHOULD FOLLOW GUIDANCE CONTAINED STATE 233134.

WHATEVER THE ASEAN GOVERNMENTS' INTENTIONS, WE BELIEVE SURFACING OF YET ANOTHER RESOLUTION AT THIS TIME WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY WEAKEN OUR POSITION. WE ALSO FEAR THAT ASEAN GROUP WILL INEVITABLY TRY TO WATER DOWN NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION TO MAKE IT MORE ACCEPTABLE RATHER

THAN CONFRONTING THE NORTH KOREANS WITH NEED FOR ACCEPTING A CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH TO THE PROBLEM WHICH INCLUDES ACCEPTANCE OF THE ROKG IN ANY NEGOTIATIONS ON KOREA.

4. WE RECOGNIZE THAT DURING COURSE OF DEBATE THERE MAY BE FURTHER AMENDMENTS TO OUR RESOLUTION, BUT WE DON'T WANT IMPACT OF SECRETARY'S INITIATIVE LOST OR EFFORT BY OUR OWN FRIENDS TO SEEK COMPROMISE AT COST OF

ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS IN OUR OWN POSITION.

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